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THIRD DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCED

Third District Court Presiding Judge Sandra N. Peuler has appointed Michelle R. Blomquist as a commissioner in the Third District Court effective August 8, 2005. Blomquist was selected based on a majority vote of Third District Court judges. The position replaces Susan Bradford who left the position in May 2005. The Third Judicial District is comprised of Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties.

Blomquist worked as an attorney in the Office of the Guardian ad Litem in the Third District from 2001 to present. From 1999 to 2001, Blomquist practiced family law and civil litigation for Corbridge, Baird & Christensen. From 1995 to 1999, Blomquist was a general practitioner attorney for Stacie M. Smith & Associates. She received a law degree from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Utah.

Court Commissioner is a quasi-judicial officer as provided by the Utah Code and the rules of the Utah Judicial Council. The position assists Third District Court with mental health hearings and other duties under the direction of the presiding judge.

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